

March 16th 1795

At a meeting of the Members of the Library Company of Philadelphia assembled at their Hall for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of increasing their annual payments and repealing so much of their bye laws as authorize the Directors to dispose of the real Estate of the Company

John Downes was chosen Chairman

The Secretary having entered the names of the members present and they being severally called over it appeared that the following members attended in person and those whose names are followed by figures had proxies as expressed by said figures respectively

Names of members	number of proxies	Names of members	number of proxies
1 John Downes		20 Joseph Wetherill	
2 David Sellers		21 James Rice	
3 Richard Wells		22 Haven Hamilton	
4 Walter Frankler		23 Hugh Ogden	
5 Samuel M Fox	5	24 Solomon White	
6 James Cox		25 Samuel Shoemaker	
7 James Reid	1	26 Griffith Evans	
8 William Pawle		27 Chadwall Evans	
9 Ezekiel Forman		28 Samuel Robinson	
10 Lawrence Seckle		29 Edward Garruk	
11 James Biddle		30 Will ^m Garruk	
12 Mordukai Lewis	9	31 Charles Bornel	
13 Nicholas Colver		32 Ebenezer Large	
14 Will ^m Barnard		33 David Sellers	
15 Joseph P Norris	12	34 Will ^m Johnson	
16 Thomas Parke	9	35 John Raigher	2
17 Thomas Armatt		36 William Beaven	
18 Gideon N Wells	1	37 Charles Marshall	
19 Eliza Gordon		38 James Pearson	
		39 Samuel Wheeler	
		40 David Sellers jun	

names of members present	number of proxies
41 Bartholomew Westar	
42 Jacob Souder	
43 John Lewis	
44 Zachary Coulson	82
45 Benj ^r R Morgan	
46 Samuel Coates	3
47 William Dawson	
48 John Haworth	
49 James Logan	
50 Edward Shoemaker	
51 Jesse Sharpless	

from which it appeared that there were ^{one} fifty members present
and one hundred and twenty three were represented by proxy
who being more than one fourth ⁶⁷³ of the whole number of
members proceeded to business

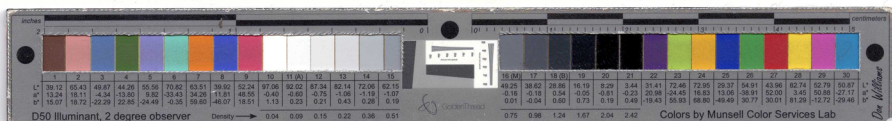
The following motion was made by Mr Wells seconded
by Mr Lewis and adopted one hundred and sixty seven
votes being given in its favor ~~and~~ against it ~~and~~
~~Mr Haworth having~~
~~gentleman withdraws being unwilling to vote~~

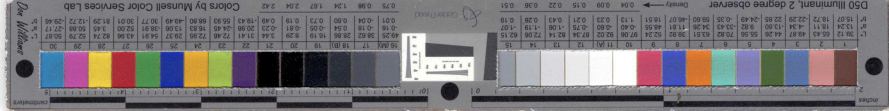
Resolved

That the Directors be instructed and
empowered to apply to the Legislature for
Leave to bring in a Bill to alter that part
of the Charter which appears to confine
the Annual Payments to ten Shillings
and to substitute the Sum of two
Dollars

The following ^{by} Law was moved by Mr Rawle ~~and~~ recorded
by Mr Lewis and ~~unanimously~~ adopted passed without
a division

the meeting then adjourned sine die





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A Meeting of the Members of the Library Company of Philadelphia, assembled at their Hall, on Monday the ninth of March, 1795, for the purpose of taking "into consideration the propriety of encreasing their annual Payments, and repealing so much of their bye-laws as authorize the Directors to dispose of the real Estate of the Company"

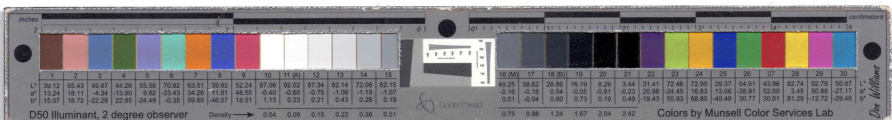
John Lownes was appointed Chairman, and Zachariah Boulton, jun^r Secretary pro tempore.

The Secretary having entered the names of the Members present, and they being severally called over, it appeared, That they had Proxies, in their possession, authorizing them to vote, on behalf of the number of Members affixed to their names respectively, as follows, to wit,

<u>Names of the Members.</u>	<u>Number of Proxies.</u>
1. John Lownes, -	0
2. Mordecai Lewis, -	1
3. David Sellers, -	0
4. Samuel Mickle Fox, -	3
5. Bartholomew Wistar, -	0
6. Hugh Ogden, -	0
7. James Read, -	1
8. Walter Franklin, -	0
9. Samuel Robinson, -	0
10. Joseph Parker Norris, -	3
11. Josiah Hewes, -	0
12. John Bleakley, -	0
13. Richard Hill Morris, -	1
14. David Lewis, -	1
15. Gideon Hill Wells, -	5
16. William Young, -	0
17. Nicholas Collin, -	0
18. Richard Wells, -	0
19. Ebenezer Large, -	0
20. John Haighn, -	0
21. Ezekiel Forman, -	0
22. James Robertson, -	0
23. Hugh Roberts, -	0
24. Thomas Parke, -	0
25. Samuel Coates, -	0
26. Benjamin Hornor, Senior, -	0
27. William Rawls, -	0
28. Joseph Bullock, -	0
29. Zachariah Boulton, jun ^r -	64
	79

So it appeared, That there were twenty-nine Members present, and seventy-nine represented by proxy; who, not being a competent number to enact a bye-law—

It




Resolved, That this Meeting adjourn to Monday
next, the sixteenth Instant, at six o'clock in the Evening,
and that the Secretary give Notice thereof, and of the
Objects of the said Meeting, in three of the News-papers.

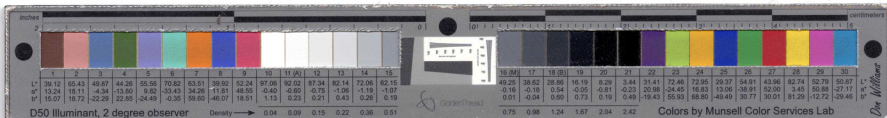
And thereupon,

The Meeting adjourned accordingly.

Attest.

Loulson, jun^r Sec^y pro tem.


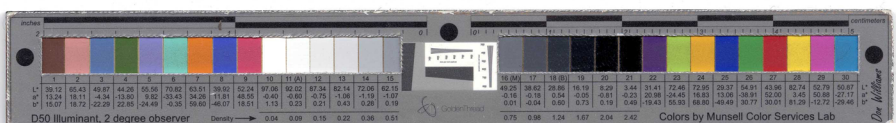
John Lowres Chairman



...and one hundred and twenty three ...
...forward ...

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| 18 | Gibeon Will Wells | 0 |
| 19 | Elisha Gordon | 0 |
| 20 | Joseph McNeill | 0 |
| 21 | James Rees | 0 |
| 22 | Gaven Hamilton | 0 |
| 23 | Hugh Ogden | 0 |
| 24 | Solomon White | 0 |
| 25 | Samuel Shoemaker | 0 |
| 26 | Griffith Evans | 0 |
| 27 | Gadwallader Evans | 0 |
| 28 | Samuel Robinson | 0 |
| 29 | Edward Garrigues | 0 |
| 30 | William Garrigues | 0 |
| 31 | Charles Bonnel | 0 |
| 32 | Ebenezer Sarge | 0 |
| 33 | Nathan Sellers | 0 |
| 34 | William Johnson | 0 |
| 35 | John Kaighn | 2 |
| 36 | William Beaven | 0 |
| 37 | Christopher Marshall | 0 |
| 38 | James Pearson | 0 |
| 39 | Samuel Wheeler | 0 |
| 40 | John Sellers Junr. | 0 |
| 41 | Bartholomew Wistar | 0 |
| 42 | Jacob Souder | 0 |
| 43 | John Lowmes | 0 |
| 44 | Zachariah Poulson Junr. | 82 |
| 45 | Benjamin R Morgan | 0 |
| 46 | Samuel Coates | 3 |
| 47 | William Dawson | 0 |
| 48 | John Maworth | 0 |
| 49 | James Logan | 0 |
| 50 | Edward Shoemaker | 0 |
| 51 | Isaac Sharpless | 0 |

123 Proxies.



Members present, and One hundred and twenty three were represented by Proxy, who, being more than One Fourth of Six Hundred and seventy-three, the whole Number of Members, proceeded to Business.

The following Motion was made by Mr Wells, seconded by Mr Lewis and adopted One Hundred and sixty-seven Votes being given in its favor, six against it, Mr Hawthorth having withdrawn, being unwilling to vote.

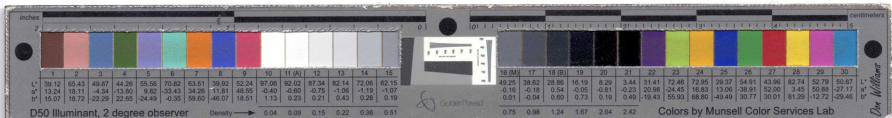
Resolved,

That the Directors be instructed and Empowered, to apply to the Legislature for Leave to bring in a Bill, to alter that Part of the Charter which appears to confine the Annual Payments to Ten Shillings, and to substitute the Sum of Two Dollars.

The following Bye-Law was moved by Mr Rawle, seconded by Mr Lewis, and passed without a Division.

An Act to repeal so much of any Law, or Laws of the Company, as authorizes the Directors to dispose of the Real Estate, belonging to the Company.

It is enacted, by the Library Company of Philadelphia, That so much of any Law or Laws as authorizes and empowers the Directors to grant or demise any Part of the Real Estate belonging to the said Company, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed, provided always, Nothing herein contained shall be deemed or taken to restrain the Directors from making Leases or Agreements relative to the Building erected for the Reception of the Loganian Library, the cellar under the same, and the cellar under the Building in which the

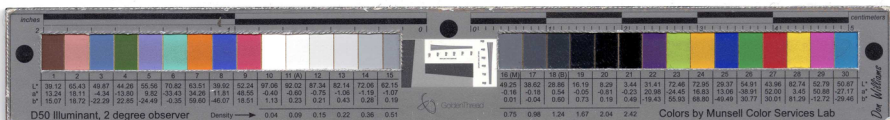


the Library, belonging to this Institution, is now contained.

The Meeting then adjourned sine Die.

Attest
Benj. Morgan
Secretary

John Jones Chairman



We, the Subscribers, do hereby authorize Zachariah
Poulson, jun^r to vote, on our behalf, at the ensuing General
Meeting of the Members of the Library Company of
Philadelphia, on such Questions as may be proposed
respecting "the propriety of encreasing the Annual Payment
"and repealing so much of the Bye-laws as authorize
"the Directors of the said Company to dispose of the
"real Estate."

Witness our Hands, this third Day of
March, in the Year one thousand seven hundred
and ninety-five.

Robt Thomas

~~Wm. Lister~~

Robt Morris

John Guier

Benn. Scull

John W. L. Sun

DOORSEN

Geo Roberts

~~Edw. Lister~~

Benn. Morris

John Huber

~~Edward Lister~~

Josiah Swainby

Wm. Quay

Edward Price

Wm. Turner

Joseph Brinckhurst Jr

Abraham Carlile

Wm. Compton

James Todd

George Pennock

William Chancellor

Thomas Greaves

~~Wm. Lister~~

Will. Cynsell

B. Dohlen

Robt Wain

Thimabunt

Wm Bingham

Geo Latimer

~~Wm. Lister~~

Jacob Morgan

Joseph B. Miller

Robt Wain

Israel Whelen

Thomas Austin

~~James Coates~~

~~James Coates~~

Josiah L. Coates

~~Wm. Lister~~

John Lister

J. Pennrod

118 The subscribers hereto do authorize and deputize John

James Galbreath Thomas Morgan John Dennaldson
Patterson Hartshorn Joseph North Joseph Hays
Wm Mackenzie Joseph Snowden Wm Jones
No. 1000 D. 1000 Owen Touhy Isaac Jones

Richard Peter James C. Fisher
Philip Wager James Crofton
Hugh Ely Andrew Brown
Euston Perot Jno. Miller

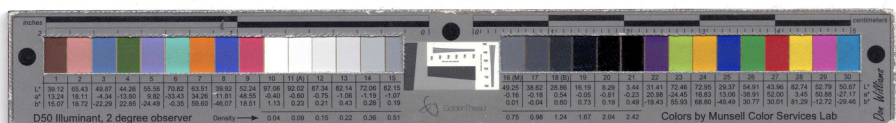
John Perot Saml. Morris
Geo. Wilson William Fromberger
Benjamin Hornor Jr. Andrew Douglass

Benj. Hornor Tho. Stewardson
Jacob Parke Oliv. Wolcott
Robert Wharton Robt. S. Bickley
Thos. Delany Nath. Falconer
James Logan Tho. Murgatroyd
Ja. H. Mays Philip Reilly

Samuel Hodgdon Robt. Ralston
Halter Franklin Wm. Morris
Sam. W. Fisher Anthony Morris
James Rice Wm. White

Wm. Bradford
Wm. White

We do appoint Nathaniel Denison. Just. our proxy to vote for
application to be made unto the Legislature to raise the annual
payments of the Library
March 9. 1795
Sarah Weston



John Bannister
Wm. Morris
The Subscribers hereto do Authorise and depute John
Kaighn our and each of our Proxy to Vote for us in the Affirma-
tive at a Meeting to be held this Evening of the Library Company
of Philadelphia, on the Question for Petitioning the Legislature
for Vesting in the said Company the power of increasing the
Annual payments of the Members, and for Repealing so much
of their Bye-Laws as Authorise the Directors to dispose of the
Real Estate of ^{the} Company - Or otherwise to Vote so as to Accomplish
the above purposes in such manner as to a Majority of the Members
at such meeting shall be deemed most expedient March 16th 1795
Iraus Morris

Stephen Girard

Will: Adcock

John Dunlap
Griffith Edwards
Samuel Sanson
Pumpkin Dances

to recommend an increase of the annual pay
Expenditure of the Library have induced the Director
in great measure to increase of volume & value

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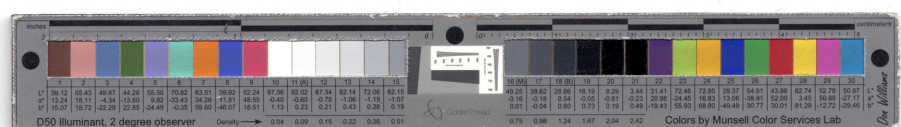
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son to vote for
the annual

Robert Wharton
" " "
Thas Delany
James Logan
Ja Shillings
Samuel Hodgson
" "
Walter Franklin
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Robt S. Buckley
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Nath. Falconer
The Murgatroyd
Philip Reilly
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Robt. Ralston
" "

Joseph Wharton

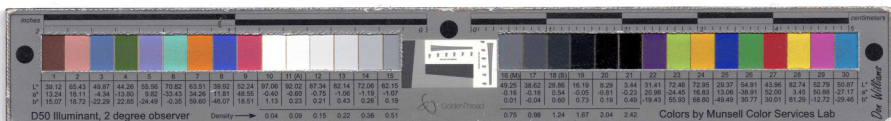


The great advance in the value of books & other
Experiences of the Library have induced the Directors
to recommend an increase of the annual Pay-
ments from Ten Shillings to fifteen Shilling
Annnum, the said fifteen Shillings annual
Payment to commence the said May next
The Directors also wish to surrender up to the
Company at large the Powers at present
vested in the Board of selling the vacant
Lot adjoining the Library, which they think
ought to be preserved for the future Uses
of the Library

We whose Names are hereto subscribed
grant our Proxies to Doct Thomas Park to Vote
on the above Questions at the adjourned
Meeting of the Company to be held 16 of
March 1795

George Guest—
Nathl. Lissis.
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~~Geo. Putnam~~
Will. Adcock
~~Geo. Putnam~~
John Dunlap
Griffith Edwards
Samuel Sanson
Pumpkin Dances

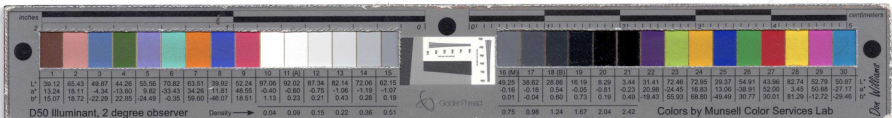


Service Mr. Fox to note on our behalf
of the Secretary of the

Dr. Parker & process

Halter Marklin

Morris



Samuel M. Ford to vote on our behalf
at the ensuing general Meeting of the
Members of the Library Company
of Philad^a, on such questions as may
be proposed respecting the propriety of
commencing the Annual payments, and
repealing so much of the Bye-laws as
authorize the Directors to dispose of
the Real Estate of the Company.

Philad^a. March 1795

Sam^l Pleasants

James Ford

Wilson Hunt

John Water

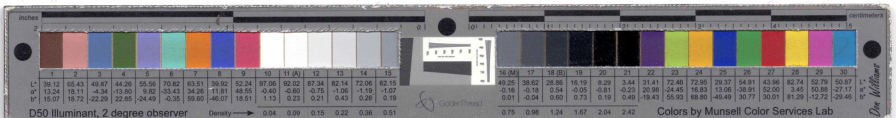
J^r M^r Morton

The subscribers to Henry's Anthology
to Thomas Clark

Sam. L. Morris
& Co.

Walter Franklin

W. Morris



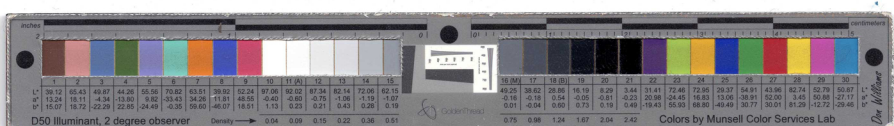
We the Subscribers do hereby authorize Doct Thomas Park
to Vote on our behalf at the ensuing General Meeting of the
Members of the Library Company of Philadelphia, on such
Questions as may be proposed respecting the propriety of in-
creasing the Annual Payments, & repealing so much of the
By-Laws as authorize the Directors of the said Company to
dispose of the Real Estate

Witness our Hands this 12 day of March 1793
William Roberts
Israel Pleasants

We the subscribers do hereby authorize Joseph Smith to vote
on our behalf, at the ensuing general meeting of the members of the

Wm. A. Morris

Wm. A. Morris



We the Subscribers do hereby authorize Joseph Barker Norris to vote
on our behalf, at the ensuing general meeting of the Members of the
Library Company of Philadelphia, on such Questions as may be
proposed respecting the propriety of increasing the annual payments
and repealing so much of the Bye Laws as authorize the Directors to
dispose of the Real Estate of the Company —

Thomas Winter

Rich^d Hutton

John Lewis

Arthur Howell

John Barclay

Wm. Haller

Henry Wharton

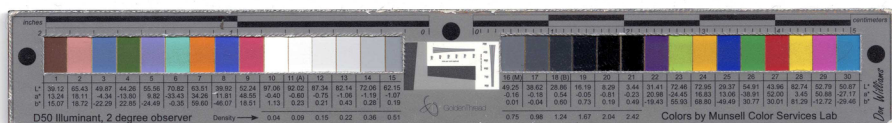
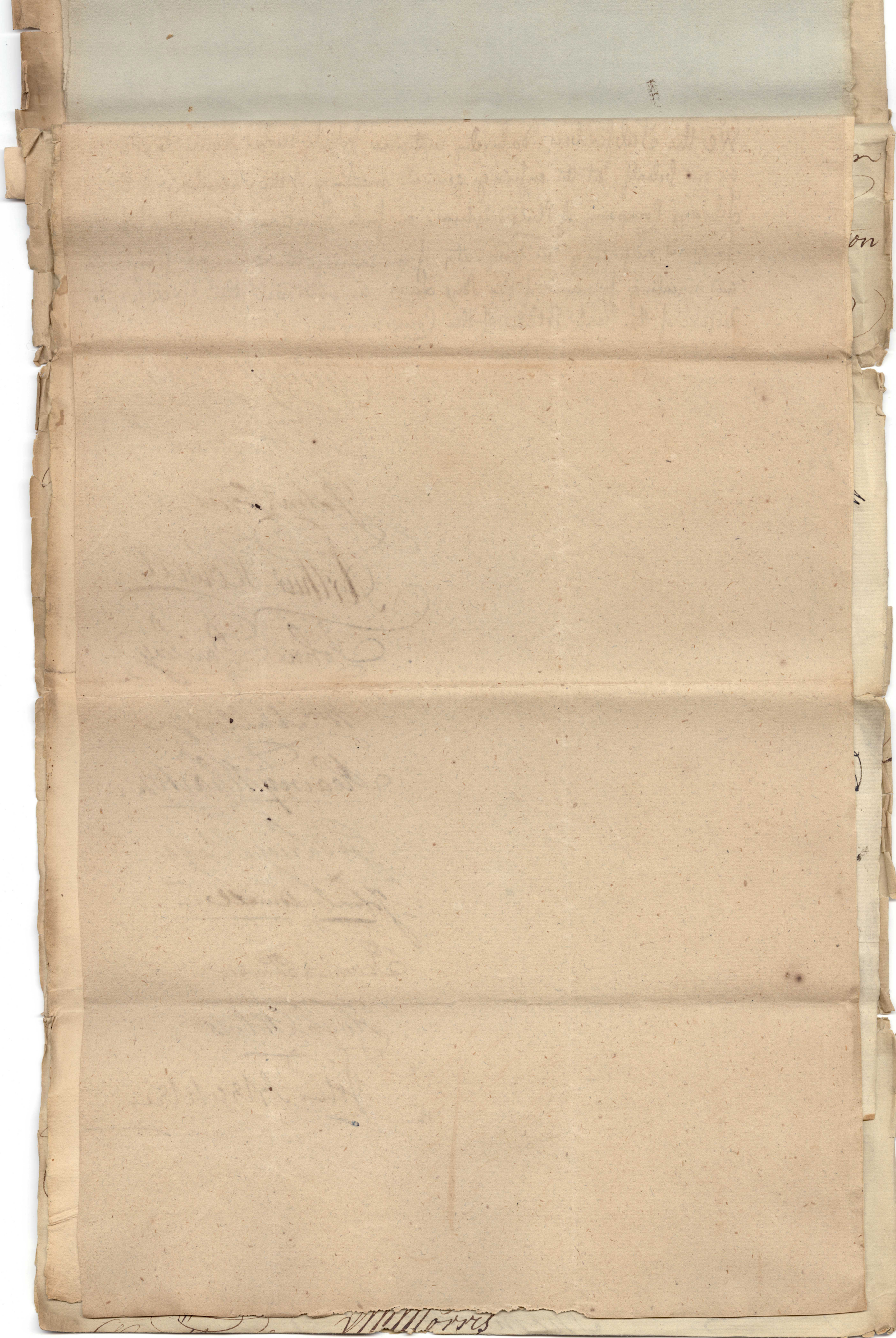
Godfrey Hays

John Caldwell

Josiah Parker

Hugh Roberts

John Archibald

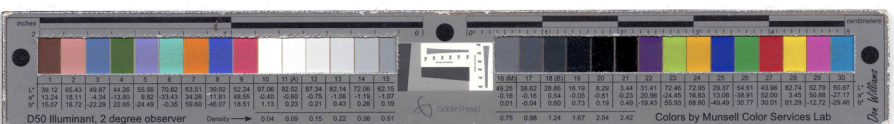


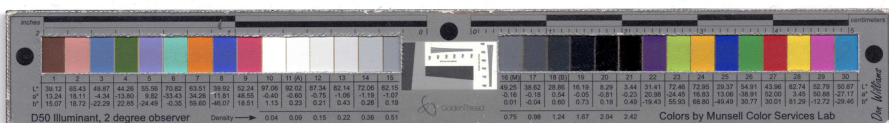
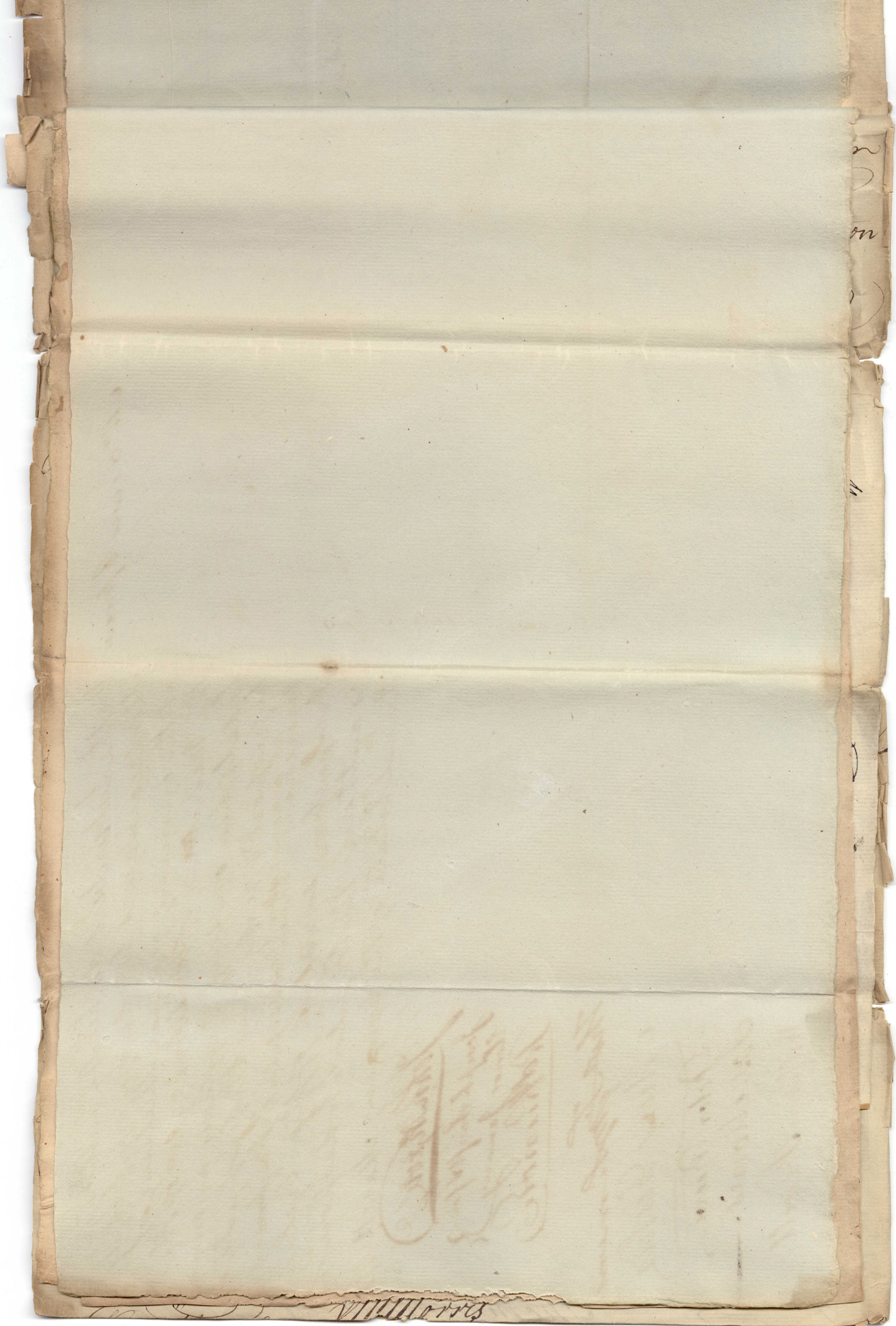
Mr Deane Spencer

We the subscribers do hereby authorize
whereas deeds to vote on our behalf
of the summing general meeting of
the members of the Library & of the
Ladies in such questions as may
be proposed respecting the propriety of
increasing their annual payments
respecting so much of their by laws
as authorize the Directors to dispose of
the real estate of the Company March 11. 1795

John Nicoll
Joseph Sharpley for
James Jamney
Robert Nicoll

Thos. Thompson
Miss Fisher
Peter Greene
Jos. Howard.
William Stowell

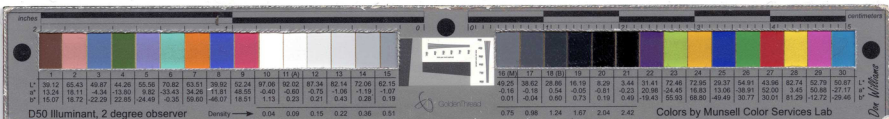




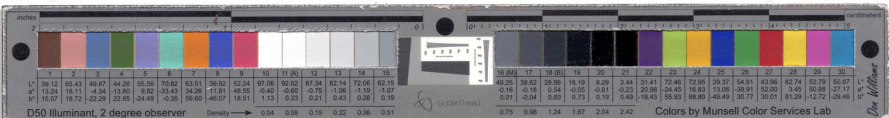
Philadelphia 23rd month 9. 1795.
I do hereby authorize Thomas C. Lewis
to vote ~~on~~ my behalf upon such
questions as are to be this day proposed
at a general meeting of the Library
Company of Philadelphia agreeable
to advertisement.

Wm Morris

Wm Morris



Viathor's Journal Books
March 1840 to April 1840



I authorize Samuel Coates
to appear for us & vote in our names,
as fully as if we were present, on
any business to be transacted by the
Library of Philad^a at their Meeting
to be held at the Library this Evening

16. 3m. 1795

Ellis Yarnall
~~Elyse C. Greaves~~
Sarah Paschall
James Mills

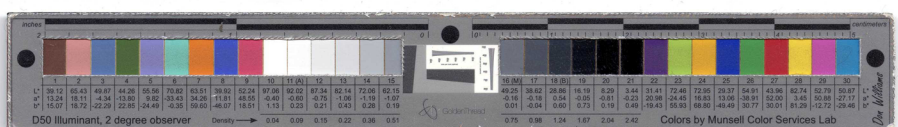
I do hereby appoint James Read my Proxy to vote
for me in any question he may think proper
touching the institution of the Library of Philad^a.

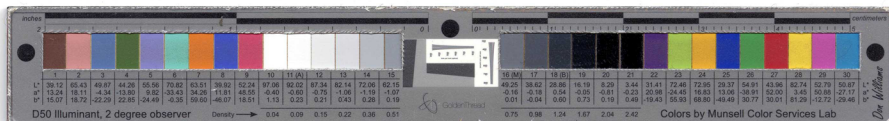
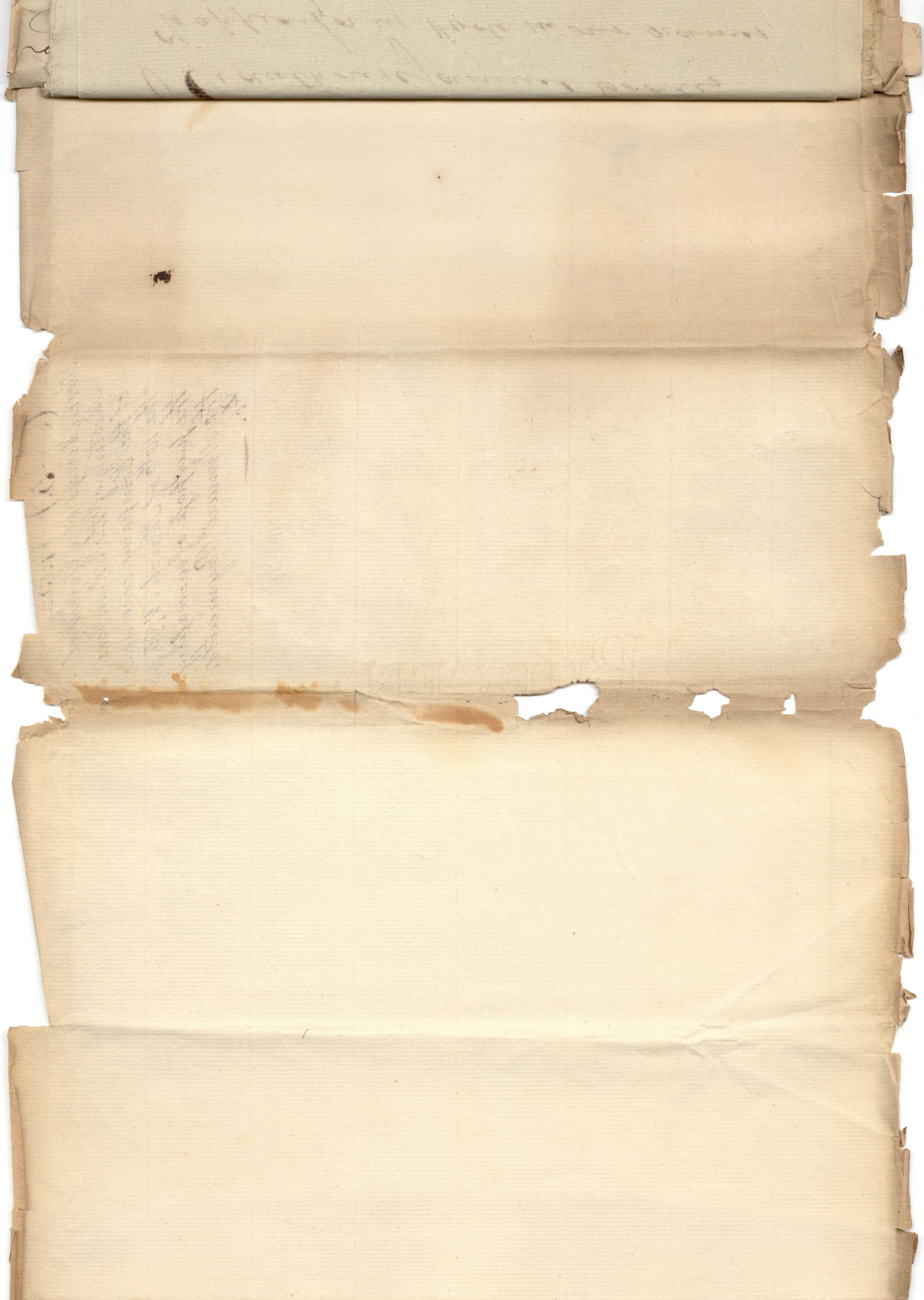
Philad^a 9 March 1795

Luci Hollingsworth

To the Directors of the
Philad^a Library

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text on aged, stained paper. The text appears to be a letter or document, possibly from the 18th or 19th century. Some words like "My dear" and "Yours" are faintly visible.]





(N^o. 5.) 1795-
Proceedings of a General
Meeting of the Members
of the Company, convened
the 10th of March, 1795, for
the purpose of increasing
the Annual Payments,
&c. —

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